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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-6, 17-20 and 23 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 30-32 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

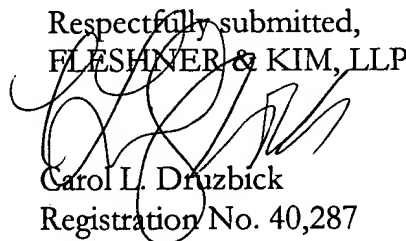
Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein. Entry is thus requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 30-32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Topper, U.S. Patent No. 5,268,895, in view of Brendes et al., U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0049730. Claims 30-32 are canceled. Thus, the rejection is moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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